

March 7, 1952

Mr. Harold Floyd
Western Gas Company
244 Burwell Street
Bremerton, Washington

Subject: Pollution of Port Wash-
ington Narrows.

Dear Mr. Floyd:

Yesterday I inspected the site of the broken retaining wall at your gas plant, in company with Mr. Rutz. I called at your office, but was informed that you were not in the City. This letter is written to confirm the discussion I had with Mr. Rutz.

Your efforts to clean up after this accident have not been very successful. Damage has been done to boats in the area and complaints have been made by residents along nearby beaches. The situation is still dangerous. A new slide of the earth on the bank, or any leaching of the material by a heavy rain may cause further damage.

We recommend that you immediately remove all of the oil soaked earth and cinders from the top of the bank and dispose of the material on another site where there will be no danger of the pollution of any watercourse.

On that portion of the bank which has been covered by earth, you may be troubled by some of the buried oil oozing out to the surface. Such material should be absorbed by shavings or cinders and removed. If this method fails, it will be necessary to remove the fill.

A suitable storage pit should be constructed to hold any new sludge which you produce, until it can be hauled away to a safe site.

A Representative of the Pollution Control Commission will

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call at your plant in the near future to examine the progress made in abating this nuisance.

Very truly yours,

James E. Wark
Associate Engineer

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cc Mr. William A. Galbraith